



Protecting Health in the Communities Surrounding Exide

Monthly Progress Report to the Board of Supervisors
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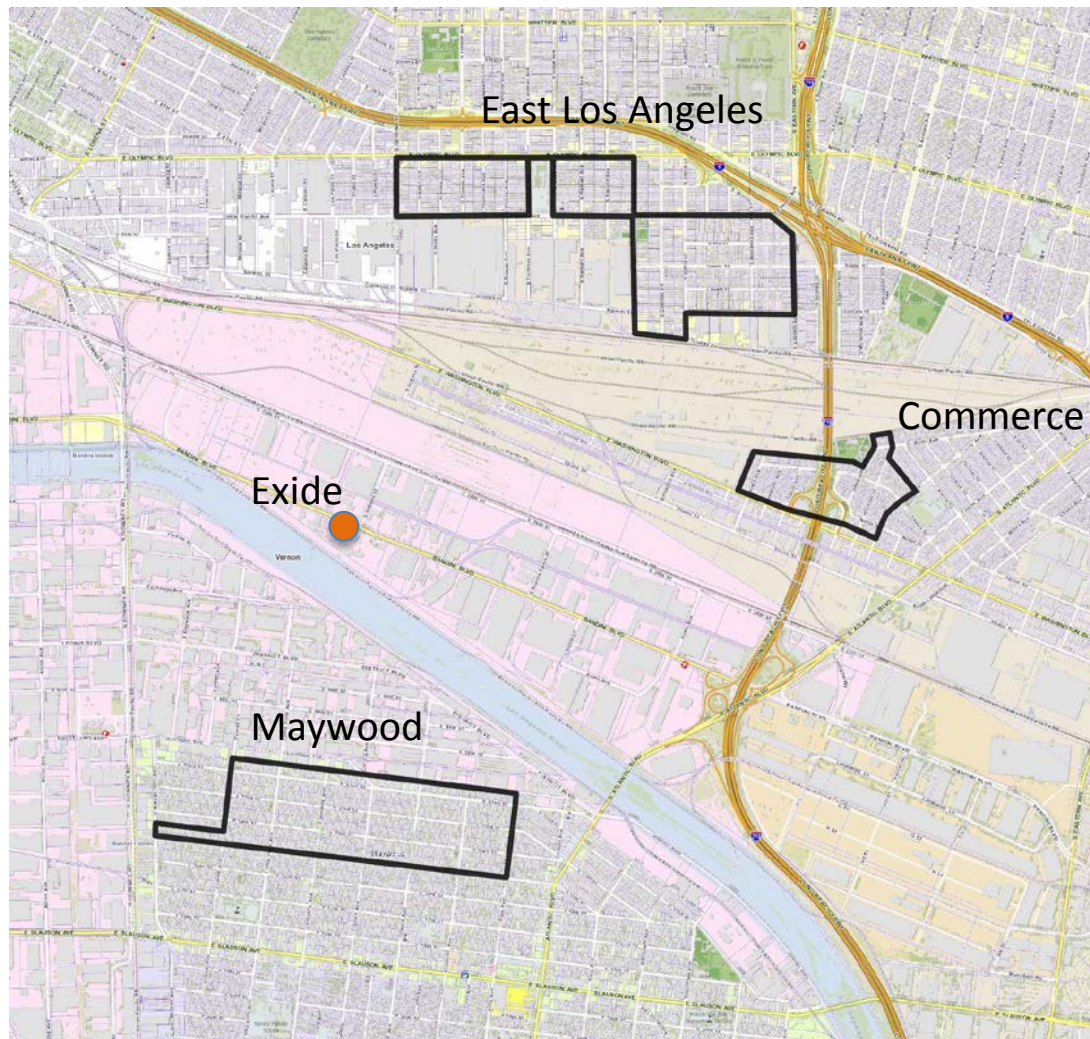
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Progress Report on Priority Activities

1. Rapid assessment of potentially impacted residential properties
2. Addressing the health needs of residents in the affected communities
3. Advocate for greater State assessment and cleanup funding

County Targeted Area for Soil Testing



Rapid Soil Testing

- 12 three-person teams sampled and tested for lead in soils
- Direct-reading instruments in the field and soil samples determined the level of contamination on each property



Results of Soil Testing

Lead Concentration (mg/kg)	Regulatory Criteria	Priority	# of Homes
> 1,000	"Hazardous Waste" Level	1	45 (9%)
> 400	Federal Residential Action Level	2	179 (35.8%)
> 80	DTSC Residential Cleanup Level	3	268 (53.6%)
<80	No Cleanup Necessary		8 (1.6%)
TOTAL HOMES			500

Next-day Results Provided to Residents

- Residents received information explaining results
- DPH staff gave guidance on interim risk reduction actions to reduce lead exposure



Los Angeles County's Response to Contamination from Exide:
FIND | CLEAN | INFORM

Address:
Click here to enter text.
Click here to enter text.
APN:
Click here to enter text.

NOTIFICATION OF TEST RESULTS RESULTS OF LEAD LEVEL TESTING IN YOUR SOIL

Operations at the former Exide battery recycling plant in Vernon released lead into surrounding communities. To protect the public's health, specially-trained workers are finding and cleaning affected homes and yards in these areas.

On _____, Los Angeles County tested soil in your yard for lead. The purpose of this form is to give you the highest lead level results of the soil samples taken from your yard:

Highest soil lead reading in your yard	What this means
<input type="checkbox"/> More than 1,000 parts per million	These levels found anywhere on the property are viewed as a health hazard. This property will be cleaned. Follow the tips on the next page to protect yourself from lead.
<input type="checkbox"/> Between 400 – 1,000 parts per million	These levels are viewed as a health hazard if kids under 6 years old or pregnant women are living at the home. This property will be cleaned. Follow the tips on the next page to protect yourself from lead.
<input type="checkbox"/> Between 80 – 400 parts per million	Lead levels have been detected and this property will be cleaned.

What happens next?

The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is responsible for cleaning affected properties. Based on the results of the tests, your property will be placed in a priority category for cleaning. You will get a phone call within 30 days with information on when your yard will be cleaned to remove lead.



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Community Outreach and Education

- PHNs visited all homes with soil lead results at or above 1000 ppm and provided information on risk reduction actions, blood lead screening, and healthcare resources
- Promotoras will visit 1,000 additional homes near Exide to provide health education and explain soil testing
- Information packets will be mailed to 10,000 homes near Exide

Community Health Fairs

- Bell Gardens
 - April 7, 2016 at Bell Gardens Intermediate School
 - Blood lead testing, health screenings, health education
- East Los Angeles Library Public Health Week Event
 - April 9, 2016
 - Health screenings, health education, referrals for blood lead testing at DHS clinics.

Legislative Activity

- SB 93 amended to loan \$176.6 million from the State General Fund to DTSC to fund Exide cleanup.
- AB 118, a companion bill to SB 93, allocates the \$176.6 million to DTSC's budget.
- County has taken a supportive position on SB 93 and AB 118 and the County's Sacramento advocates are working to support the funding.

Next Steps

- Continue visiting homes with soil lead results at or above 1000 ppm
- Monthly updates to be provided as directed by the Board

